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AND TEODORO HUARIPAYTA

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1. REFTEL REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMNESTY AND RELEASE OF
SIDERPERU UNION LEADER BRAULIO FORTUNATO TELLO. PURSUANT
REF TS, CHARGE MET EARLIER WITH VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
TO MAKE ORAL AND PRESENT WRITTEN INQUIRY ABOUT THIS CASE.
WE ALSO INQUIRED OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S MAY 5 REPLY INDICATES BRAULIO
FORTUNATO TELLO BARRERA WAS DETAINED NOVEMBER 4, 1976 AND
RELEASED MARCH 9, 1977. PERTINENT SECTIONS OF VICE MINISTER'S
LETTER FOLLOW IN TRANSLATION:

3. QTE. WHEN THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SUSPENSION OF GUARANTEES
WAS DECREED IN THE COUNTRY, AGITATION DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT
AN ILLEGAL STRIKE IN VARIOUS LABOR CENTERS WAS DETECTED, THE
EFFECTS OF WHICH WOULD HAVE PARALYZED INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES WITH
GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

WITH THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING POLITICAL AGITATION AND,
CONSEQUENTLY, AN ILLEGAL STRIKE WITH FATAL CONSEQUENCES, THE
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FOLLOWING PERUVIAN CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED. . .

-- MR. BRAULIO FORTUNATO TELLO BARRERA, METALLURGIC ENGINEER,
CHIEF OF THE TESTING SECTION, WAS ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1976
FOR AGITATION AND PROSELYTISM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF QUALITY TESTING
OF SIDERPERU.

-- ON NOVEMBER 6, 1976, BY INDICTMENT NO. 12-DSE, HE WAS CHARGED WITH OFFENSES AGAINST THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND HONOR, AND SUBMITTED TO THE DEPUTY POLICE COURT IN CHIMBOTE.

-- HE WENT ON HUNGER STRIKE FROM NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 5, 1976 AND WAS SUBMITTED TO THE CRIMINAL JUDGE FOR AN OFFENSE AGAINST HIS HEALTH.

-- ON MARCH 9, 1977 HE WAS SET FREE AS A COROLLARY OF THE HUMANISTIC POLICY OF THE PRESENT REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES, APPLIED WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. END QTE.

4. THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN OUR LETTER AND THE VICE MINISTER'S REPLY IS TEODORO HUARIPAYTA ROMAN, ABOUT WHOM THE EMBASSY RECEIVED AND RESPONDED TO A DIRECT INQUIRY FROM AN AI REPRESENTATIVE.

5. WE ARE POUCHING TO ARA/AND/P COPIES OF AI'S DIRECT INQUIRY, THE VICE MINISTER'S REPLY TO US AND A TRANSLATION, AND OUR REPLY TO AI. ANY OF THIS MATERIAL MAY BE USED ON AN UNCLASSIFIED BASIS.
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